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SUBJECT: AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. RE BARBADOS: DESPITE EARLIER GOB STATEMENTS TO FAA OFFICIAL AND EMBOFF THAT GOB COULD NOT AFFORD EXPENSE OF PHYSICAL ALTERNATIONS TO LOCAL AIRPORT (REF B), SECURITY RELATED CHANGES ARE IN FACT BEING MADE. GIVEN CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN FAA/PUERTO RICO AND AIRPORT MANAGEMENT HERE, EMBASSY FEELS FORMAL SURVEY HERE PROBABLY UNNECESSARY. SUGGEST HECTOR GONZALES (FAA/PR) CONTINUE HIS INFORMAL CONTACT WITH AIRPORT MANAGER GIBBONS IN ORDER TO ASSESS COMPLENESS AND EFFICACY OF IMPROVEMENTS NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN. ANY EMEGING DEFICIENCIES CAN BE BROUGHT TO GIBBONS' ATTENTION IN THAT MANNER. (PLEASE REMEBER THAT TO SUGGEST A US$5000 SCREENING DEVICE TO THE GOB IS LIKE SUGGESTING THAT THE USG SPEND $20-30 MILLION. THE GOB IS IN SERIOUS FINANCIAL STRAITS AND CANNOT QUICKLY OR EASILY BE CONVINCED TO EXPEND SUCH A SUM FOR ANY PURPOSE.)

2. AS FOR THE ASSOCIATED STATES, BVI, MONTSERRAT,
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ANGUILLA AND GRENADA, WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH A SURVEY BUT NEITHER DO WE SEE ANY CERTAINTY OF REAL BENEFIT UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST FINANCIALLY AS WELL AS TECHNICALLY. MUCH MORE THAN BARBADOS, THE SMALLER ISLANDS SIMPLY CANNOT EASILY SPEND EVEN MINIMUM SUMS NEEDED TO IMPROVE AIRPORT SECURITY. EMBASSY IS CONTACTING CIVAIR OFFICIALS IN ISLANDS AND WILL REPORT THEIR REACTIONS

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ASAP.

3. FYI: GRENADA HAS RECENTLY BEGUN PRE-BOARDING SCREENING OF ALL PASSENGERS. UNFORTUNATELY, PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS DO NOT PROVIDE ANYTHING APPROACHING A STERILE AREA CONCEPT AND HENCE EFFORT IS VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS.
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